

## ***Manufacturers Week 2004 Special Edition***





# Aerial Delivery Magazine - ADM

## Publisher's Corner

On 18 - 21 Oct 2004, the Aerial Delivery Equipment Group, ILSC, SBC Natick, hosted the second annual Manufacturers Week at Ft. Bragg, North Carolina. The purpose of the week was to observe US Army Soldiers using aerial delivery products (parachutes and related items), interact with the soldiers to discuss mutual equipment issues and concerns, and provide manufacturers with a solid foundation for future aerial delivery product innovations and improvements. To accomplish this goal, 107 attendees were treated to tours of rigging facilities, parachute maintenance facilities, a C-17 aircraft, the freefall wind tunnel, and the Special Operations Museum. Some of the participants got the additional thrill of jumping from the 34-foot jump tower and all enjoyed the experience of an MRE lunch and the chance to view a special operations night drop in action. Many cameras worked to capture the action and the team has put together this special edition to illustrate some of the experience in pictures. The pictures here tell only a small part of the memorable stories that unfolded that week. For many, the week provided insight into how their products are used and a "face" to those who rely on their products on a daily basis. For others, the week provided an opportunity to network with others in the field and create lasting business relationships. The week was a resounding success and planning is already in the works for next year. We look forward to seeing you there!



ILSC SBC Director Michael Ahearn gives Second Annual Manufacturer's Week a "thumbs-up"

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The 34ft jump tower at Ft. Bragg, NC



Attendees look on as other attendees jump off the 34ft jump tower at Ft. Bragg, NC





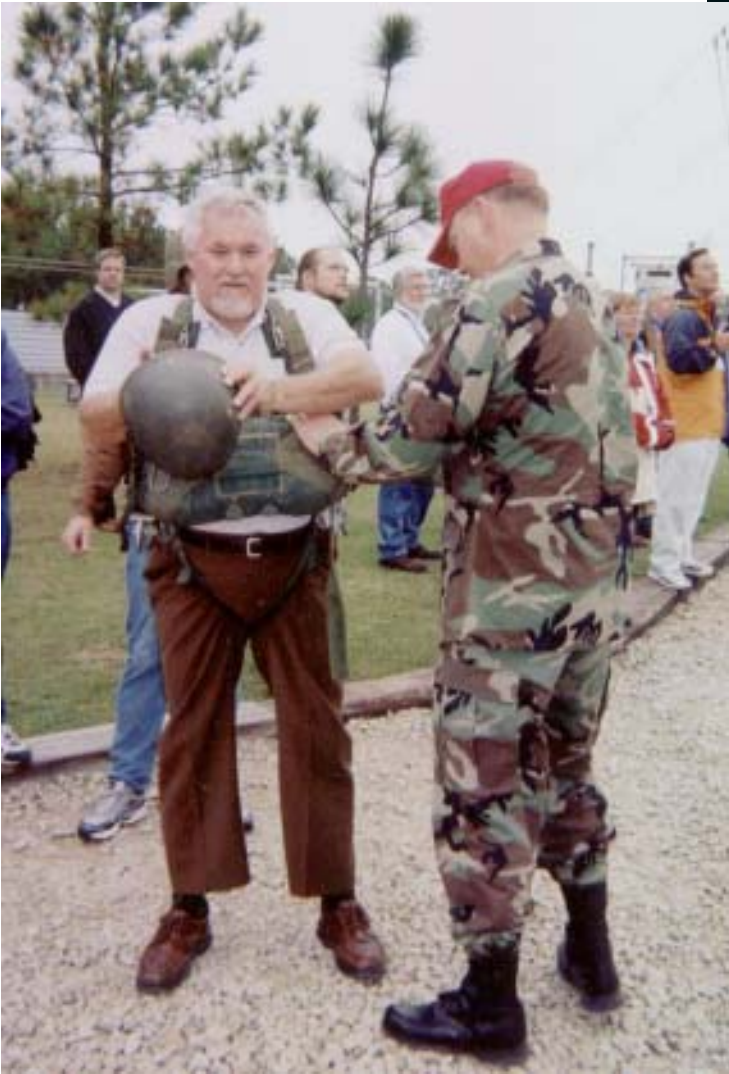
*Explaining Rigging procedures for a A-22 container*



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*A22 Containers*



*MSGT Mark Dickerson performs JMPI for ILSC Director Jack Dugan in preparation for the 34ft tower*



*DRAS Trailer load*





*SBC Director Michael Ahearn and ILSC Director Jack Dugan successfully jump the 34ft tower*



*Michelle Sullivan and Safiya Bowerbank of ADEG, Natick try on a T10-D and MIRPS parachute*

*ILSC Director Jack Dugan gets ready for the 34ft tower*



*Soldiers from the 528th Special Operations Support Battalion*



*Participants' wearing MC-4 free-fall parachute*



*Contractors wearing T-10D Harnesses*



*Kurt Minge of the John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center briefing maintenance procedures for the MC-4 parachute*



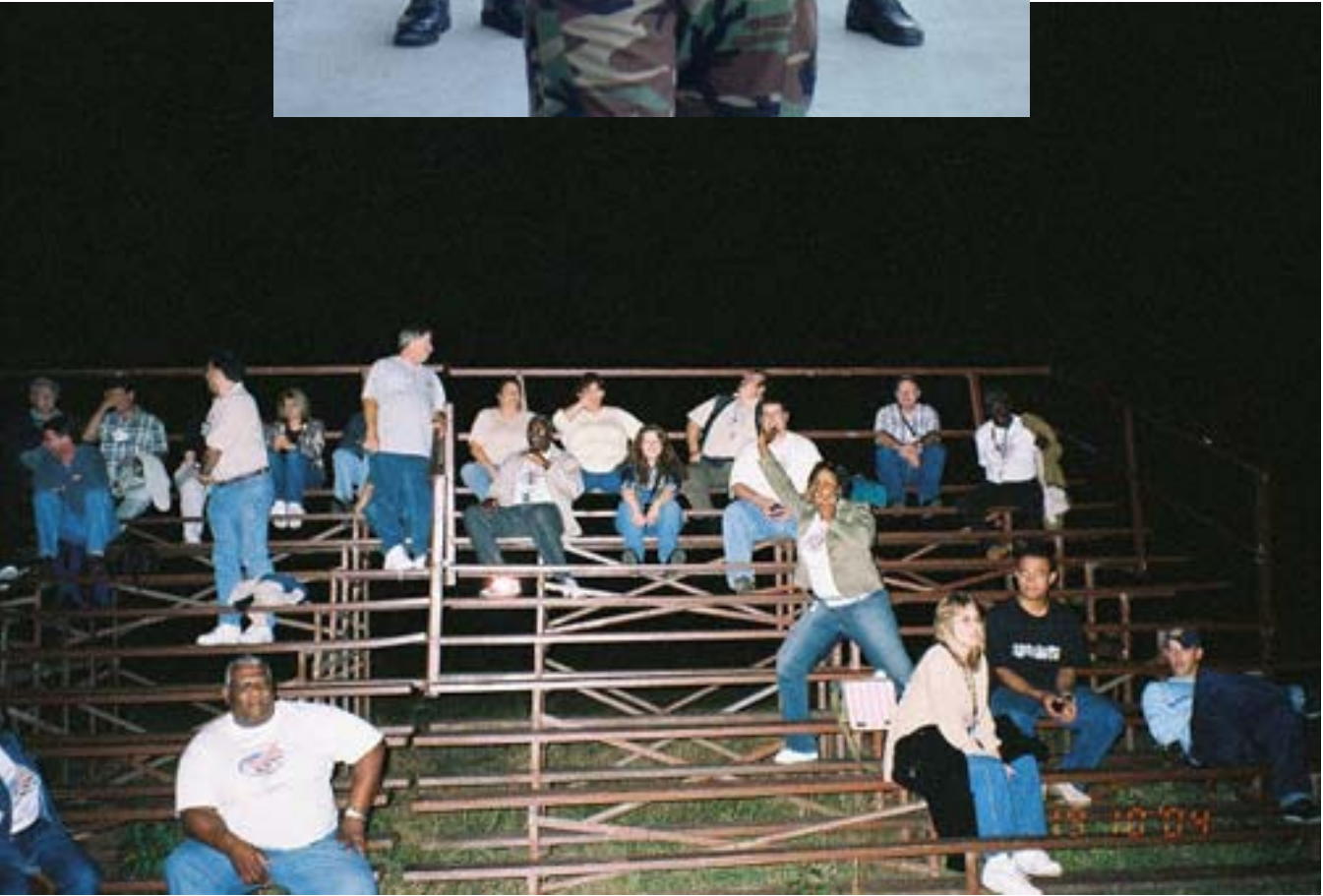
*Waiting to jump the 34ft tower*



*CW3 Cortez briefing duties and responsibilities of riggers*



*CW3 Frazier Cortez of the 782nd MSB conducting a Jump Master Personnel Inspection (JMPI)*



*C-17's Night Airborne Operations, Sicily Drop Zone*



*Jumper with a T10-D, MIRPS center pull reserve, m-1950 Weapon case and Alice pack*



*Aerial Delivery Equipment Group Personnel registering Manufacturer's Week attendee's*



*Military Free-Fall wind tunnel*



*MRE Heaven*





C-17 Tour



Special Ops Parachute simulator



MRE Lunch at Pope Air Force Base



Inside of a C-17 Aircraft